# Potential Funding Sources for Neighborhood Groups

Like all not-for-profit organizations, neighborhood groups can raise money in a variety of ways. The most sustainable forms of funding, of course, are the group's own internal activities and projects. These can include membership dues and donations from neighbors, as well as fundraisers ranging from large events (tour of homes, street fair) to smaller, less intensive activities (bake sale). Such fundraisers have the extra-added advantage of increasing social capital in the neighborhood, that is, encouraging neighbors to work together and get to know one another.

But there is certainly room for seeking grants from governments, foundations, businesses, and local benefactors. This document lists a small fraction of the potential funding sources for neighborhood groups in Knoxville. There is no guarantee that the donors on this list will fund your neighborhood project. For one thing, the priorities of a particular donor may have changed since this information was gathered. For another, while some funding applications are quite simple and straight-forward, others require a great deal of work and planning, evidence of which the donor will ask to see.

Finally, some of this information, compiled by Office of Neighborhoods, might be outdated. If so, we would appreciate your letting us know at 215-3232. Here are the potential funders listed in this document:

- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- City of Knoxville, Parks & Recreation Department
- City of Knoxville, City Council
- City of Knoxville, Office of Neighborhoods
- Covenant Health, Knoxville Marathon
- Discovery, Inc. (Scripps Networks Interactive)
- Dow Chemical
- East Tennessee Foundation
- Home Depot
- Kohl's
- Kroger Foundation
- Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation
- Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee
- US Bank
- Walmart Foundation: Community Grant Program
- Walmart Foundation: Sam's Club / Community Giving
- Water Quality Forum
- Alternative Resources

## **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**

https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/find-grants-sponsorships.html#fbid=Hnx9q2ZEEFf

#### Pathways to Economic Mobility to Build Thriving Communities

https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html?bcen=8a6b#fbid=EQehlxSICQQ

#### **Primary Contact**

Kelly Harter 615-749-3134 kelly.harter@bankofamerica.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Proposal acceptance dates vary depending on the type of grant applied for. Please see the above website for more information and guidelines.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Due dates vary depending on the type of grant applied for. Please see the above webiste for more information and guidelines.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.cybergrants.com/cybergrants/plsql/ao gs user.form?x gm id=1499&x section id=4509&x quiz survey id=2142

## **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not available

#### **Program Description**

Bank of America is focused on economic mobility by addressing community developed needs through investments such as affordable housing, community revitalization, arts, and the environment. For more information, please visit the website mentioned above.

## City of Knoxville (Parks and Recreation Department)

www.knoxvilletn.gov/recreation

#### Recreation Challenge Grants

http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\_departments\_offices/parks\_and\_recreation/recreation\_challenge\_grant/

#### **Primary Contact**

Tim Hester 865-215-1720 thester@knoxvilletn.gov

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Late Spring

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Late Spring

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

Postal Mail:

Parks and Recreation Dept PO Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901

Fax: 865-215-1743

Email: <a href="mailto:thester@knoxvilletn.gov">thester@knoxvilletn.gov</a>

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

N/A

#### **Program Description**

The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department offers an annual Challenge Grant Program, which provides grants to non-profit projects associated with public parks or recreation facilities within the City limits.

The grants are available to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) status community groups, homeowner associations, schools, Scout troops and other organizations. Recipients of a challenge grant will be reimbursed 50 percent of the cost of a single project, up to \$2,500.

In order to receive a grant, the project must be on City-owned or -leased property and must be related to a facility that is available to all residents on a yearly basis.

The grant funding may not be used to purchase a new facility, regular maintenance, or for the purchase of individual or team equipment.

## **City of Knoxville (City Council)**

http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\_council/

## Community Improvement 202 Funds

#### **Primary Contact**

Savannah Maupin City Recorder's Office 865 - 215 - 3022 smaupin@knoxvilletn.org

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Neither City Council nor the City Recorder's Office issues a Request for Proposals, since proposals may be submitted at any time.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Proposals may be submitted to the City Council office (Recorder's Office) at any time.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

via email:

smaupin@knoxvilletn.gov

via mail:

City Recorder's Office

Attn: Savannah Maupin, Internal Auditor

PO Box 1631

Knoxville, TN 37901

#### Sample of Previous Recipients

This information can be obtained by reviewing past City Council agendas. Click on the meeeting date and look for 202 Resolutions under "Ordinances on First Reading" at the end of each agenda.

http://www.knoxvillecitytn.iqm2.com/Citizens/calendar.aspx

#### **Program Description**

Each fiscal year (starting July 1), City Council sets aside --- within the city budget --- \$90,000 in Community Improvement 202 Funds for community associations and other non-profit organizations.

See next page for detailed description of the 202 Funds Process.



#### <u>Procedures for Applying for Community Improvement 202 Funds</u>

Each fiscal year (starting July 1), City Council sets aside --- within the city budget --- \$90,000 in Community Improvement 202 Funds for community associations and other non-profit organizations.

Each Council member is allocated up to \$10,000 of these funds for various projects. Each project is supported by a separate ordinance for each individual grant and requires Council's approval. These ordinances are always placed at the end of the "Ordinances on First Reading" section of the Council agenda. These ordinances are written as "emergency" ordinances, requiring only one reading, and they are almost always adopted "on consent," meaning that they are passed without discussion at the beginning of each Council meeting.

An organization applying for 202 funds must be a legally chartered, nonprofit charitable organization or any nonprofit civic organization and supply the appropriate IRS Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (IRS, Form W-9).

An applicant organization must also provide the City Recorder's Office with all documents listed on the application. If your organization does not have a specific document, contact the City Recorder's Office to learn if there is a substitute document. This information must be on file with the City Recorder's Office prior to any Council consideration of a request for funds.

Also, if an applicant organization is a non-profit civic organization, then the City must place a "notice of intent to make appropriation" in a newspaper of general circulation prior to placing the ordinance on Council's agenda. Thus, it could take more time to process a 202 funds request from a civic designated organization.

**Groups that do not have the required documentation may still benefit from the 202 funds program**, but they must utilize the services of a fiscal sponsor that can meet all of the requirements and which must make the request and be legally responsible for oversight of the grant/project. The fiscal sponsor must make the written request. Pursuant to City Ordinance 2-599, no appropriation or expenditure may be made to a religious or sectarian organization.

A specific project can be funded from a single Council member's appropriation of funds or by several members joining together to support a project.

To be considered for funds, an organization must apply directly to the City Recorder's Office by submitting the form that can be found on this City web page, along with supporting documents.

Some groups first contact a member of City Council to see if that member can support all or part of the request and to confirm that sufficient funds are available. It is perhaps best to write this request on your organization's letterhead, describing the project and

asking for a specific dollar amount. If the Council member can support the request, your organization can then submit the application through the City Recorder's office.

Whether you call your Council member first or not, a formal Application must be submitted through the Recorder's Office along with the supporting documents.

For additional information or questions, contact Savannah Maupin with the City Recorder's Office at 215-3022 or <a href="mailto:smaupin@knoxvilletn.org">smaupin@knoxvilletn.org</a>.

## City of Knoxville (Mayor's Office)

http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/grant\_applications

#### Community Agency Grant)

http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=109562&pageId=213458

#### **Primary Contact**

Jennifer Searle 865-215-2267 jsearle@knoxvilletn.gov

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Jan 14 2019

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

Both an Electronic and Printed application must be submitted.

City of Knoxville Mayor Attn: Jennifer Searle400 Main Street, Suite 691 Knoxville, TN 37902

or

Email Application and ALL Attachments to: <u>isearle@knoxvilletn.gov</u>. We cannot receive attachments that exceed 12MB so it may be necessary to send multiple emails. Please include your organization's name on all digital file names.

## **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

4 p.m. on February 22, 2019

#### Sample of Previous Recipients

N/A

#### **Program Description**

Your non-profit organization may apply for a Community Agency Grant if it operates within the City of Knoxville and has been in operation for at least five years. There are two different application forms. One is for organizations seeking a grant within the Arts and Culture category and the second is for organizations seeking a grant within the Community and Social Services category. Providers of homeless services should apply for the <a href="Homeless Grant via Community Development">Homeless Grant via Community Development</a>. Community Agency Grant applications will be posted on Jan. 14, 2019.

## **City of Knoxville (Office of Neighborhoods)**

http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=109562&pageId=189878

#### Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP)

http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods
(Click on "Grants" half way down the page.)

#### **Primary Contact**

Eden Slater 865-215-2962 eslater@knoxvilletn.gov

## Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested

May

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

Postal Mail

Office of Neighborhoods City of Knoxville P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901

or Email: Eslater@knoxvilletn.gov

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Mid-summer

#### Sample of Previous Recipients

See the Grants page on the Office of Neighborhood website. Then click on "Previous Grant Recipients."

#### **Program Description**

The NSGP is designed to strengthen neighborhoods in the City of Knoxville by supporting a wide range of community-based initiatives through grants and technical assistance. The maximum NSGP grant for any one organization, application or project is \$3,000. If the neighborhood group has an active partner, then the limit rises to \$4,500.

The program is aimed at resident-controlled, resident-led neighborhood groups such as neighborhood watch groups, neighborhood associations, tenant associations, and homeowners associations.

Grants are announced in the fall and funds are disbursed late in the year for projects beginning January 1.

## **Covenant Health, Knoxville Marathon**

https://knoxvillemarathon.com/

#### Community Contributions Program

https://knoxvillemarathon.com/community-contribution-program/

#### **Primary Contact**

Not available 865-684-4294 knoxvillemarathon@gmail.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Mid-Summer

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Not available

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

www.knoxvillemarathon.com

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

The YWCA received \$5,300 for its Fitness Incentive Challenge, which offers incentives for low-income, high-risk YWCA housing program clients to increase their level of physical activity.

Knox County Schools was awarded \$3,500 for the Hydrate Project, a program to purchase and install water refill stations in two Knox County high schools. This project will impact more than 2,500 students each year.

Sunshine Ambassadors, a non-profit organization that teaches students who have physical and mental challenges, received \$1,200 to fund equipment and nutritional information for its summer dance camp.

#### **Program Description**

Supports local programs that will have a positive impact on the overall health of the community.

## Discovery, Inc.

(incorporating Scripps Networks Interactive) https://corporate.discovery.com/

Board of Directors Support and Volunteer Grant Program. http://forms.matchinggifts.com/Scripps%20Network%20%20Volunteer.pdf

#### **Primary Contact**

Maria Down 865-560-3645 MDown@scrippsnetworks.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Once per calendar year.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

March, June, September and December.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

Employees can submit paperwork by

Mail:

Scripps Networks Interactive Attn: CSR - Volunteer/Board **Grant Program** 9721 Sherrill Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37932

or

Email: CSR@scrippsnetworks.com

#### Sample of Previous Recipients

Not available

#### **Program Description**

This program is designed to recognize Scripps employees' involvement with their communities. Employees must have at least six months of employment with Scripps, and may apply for a cash grant once every twelve months to support the nonprofit they assist. Employees must be an active volunteer or board member for the organization.

Non-profit organizations that qualify as an IRS 501 [c][3] organizations (classified as public charities) are grant eligible. Other qualified organizations are schools and religious organizations. (Grants to religious organizations are restricted to secular community service programs.)

## **Dow Chemical**

https://www.dow.com/en-us/about-dow/locations/tennessee

#### **DowGives Community Grant**

https://www.dow.com/en-us/about-dow/locations/tennessee/dowgives-grant

#### **Primary Contact**

Gail Benner 730 Dale Avenue Knoxville, TN 37921 865-521-8441 GBenner@dow.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Late Summer

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Early Fall

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.cybergrants.com/dow/applications/open

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

http://www.dow.com/tennessee/responsible/past-winners.htm

#### **Program Description**

The Dow Gives program is managed by the Knoxville Plant Community Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP is an open forum for community representatives and the local Dow facility to discuss the goals, activities and concerns of both the local plant and the surrounding community.

Applicants must be located within a 3 mile radius of the Dow plant, and there is a single recipient annually. Dow's goal, using the DowGives grants, is to enhance the aesthetic qualities of our fence line neighborhoods and positively impact the overall quality of life in the Knoxville community by providing a grant of \$25,500 to the non-profit organization best able to advance its focus on community land use projects.

## **East Tennessee Foundation**

http://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/

#### Field-of-Interest and Affiliate Funds

http://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/receive.aspx

#### **Primary Contact**

Jan Elston (865) 524-1223 jelston@etf.org

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Varies by grant

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Varies by grant

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=easttennesseefoundation

#### By following instructions below:

http://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/sites/www/Uploads/files/receive/2016%20Applicant%20Tutorial%20-%20ETF%20Grants.pdf

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not available

#### **Program Description**

East Tennessee Foundation's (ETF) field-of-interest and affiliate funds support a competitive grant making process in broad charitable areas including arts and culture, community development, youth-at-risk or a particular East Tennessee county or region (affiliate funds) within the Foundation's 25-county service area. Since 1986, East Tennessee Foundation has awarded over \$237 million in grants through its competitive grant making process.

All applications must be completed and submitted via the Foundation's online grants management system. Please see the above website for more information.

#### **Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness Grant Opportunities**

Neighborhoods participating in the HealthierTN Neighborhoods program are potentially eligible for two types of grant opportunities throughout the year. For more about the HealthierTN Neighborhoods program, please click here: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/v3kbacslizfhyip/How%20You%20Can%20Join%20the%20H">https://www.dropbox.com/s/v3kbacslizfhyip/How%20You%20Can%20Join%20the%20H</a> TC-N%20Movement.PDF?dl=0

- Level I Grant Eligible to recommended neighborhoods only
  - Level II Grant Eligible to designated Healthier TN Neighborhoods

#### **Primary Contact**

Alicia Price, Neighborhood Director 615-610-1880 ext.790 | alicia@healthierTN.org

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Applications for Level I and Level II grants are available year-long, please note that participating in the HealthierTN Neighborhoods program is required to receive funding.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Level I – rolling applications reviewed on a monthly basis. Level I – due December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

Contact Alicia Price at alicia@healthierTN.org.

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

N/A

#### **Program Description**

The Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness is a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling and encouraging Tennesseans to lead healthier lives. The Foundation's primary initiative, Healthier Tennessee, strives to increase the number of Tennesseans who are physically active, promote a healthy diet, and reduce the number of people who use tobacco. Healthier Tennessee works with cities, towns, counties, campuses, and neighborhoods across the state to develop health and wellness programs in their respective communities. The Foundation offers small grants to participating communities and Healthier TN is designed for neighborhoods of all shapes and sizes in Knox County.

## Home Depot\*

\*This grant is currently closed. It may re-open in February of 2019

#### Organization Website

#### **Community Impact Grants**

https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants

#### **Primary Contact**

Small\_Grants@homedepot.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

The program opens on February 1. However, this program operates on a rolling 12 month cycle, so proposals may be submitted any time. Proposals and grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

December

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\_248?SA=SNA&FID=35192

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not Available

#### **Program Description**

The Home Depot Foundation offers grants of up to \$5,000 to IRS-registered 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

Our primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.

## Kohl's

https://corporate.kohls.com/

#### Volunteer Grant Programs

https://corporate.kohls.com/corporate-responsibility/associates-in-action

#### **Primary Contact**

Kim Barker 865-769-9090 Kim.barker@kohls.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Not available

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Not available

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

See below.

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not Available

#### **Program Description**

Through the Kohl's Volunteer Program, Kohl's associates (employees) donate their personal time to make a difference in their local communities by volunteering with eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. In support of associates' volunteerism, the eligible organization will receive a \$500 volunteer reward for every five associates that volunteer for each event.

#### Volunteer Program Guidelines

https://corporate.kohls.com/content/dam/kohlscorp/corporate-responsibility/kohl-s-volunteer-program/Kohls%20Volunteer%20Program%20Criteria%20Guidelines.pdf

To request volunteers and manage details of your event, eligible organizations should register through the Benevity Causes Portal. The link to this portal and other information can be found on this page:

https://corporate.kohls.com/corporate-responsibility/associates-in-action

## Kroger

#### **Primary Contact**

Melissa.Eads@Kroger.com

## Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested

Any time

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Any Time

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

https://www.communitygifts.com/

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not available

#### **Donations of Gift Cards or Products**

Request a donation of gift cards or products through <a href="https://www.communitygifts.com/">https://www.communitygifts.com/</a>

#### **Grants Program Description**

Each year, Kroger invests millions of dollars in charitable support in the communities we serve. These contributions take several forms – including direct financial contributions from Kroger; funds earned through the Kroger Community Rewards Program; and donations of gift cards and products. The majority of the company's giving is directed to those organizations working to solve hunger issues in our communities and those working to protect the environment. This aligns with the Zero Hunger Zero Waste plan which is the company's commitment to ending hunger in the areas where they operate and eliminating waste in the company by 2025.

## **Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee**

http://www.trinityfound.org/

#### **Grant Initiative Areas Relevant to Neighborhoods**

http://www.trinityfound.org/initiatives

Initiative 2 – Healthy Life Choices

*Initiative 5 – Neighborhood/Community\** 

\*Initiative 5 is intended to help combat isolation which, according to research, can directly lead to drug abuse.

Initiative 6 – Open Topic

#### **Primary Contact**

Lynn Metler 865-632-5678 Imetler@trinityfound.org

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Early each year for Phase I proposals.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

The submission date for Phase I for 2019 is NOON on March 27, 2019.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.trinityfound.org/grant-process/phase-i-process-key-dates Reading grants instruction preferred.

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

http://www.trinityfound.org/2017-phase-i-grant-recipients

#### **Program Description**

Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee (Trinity) seeks proposals in six areas for the 2019 Health Initiatives in both a Small Grants Division (non-governmental non-profit organizations with less than \$1.5 million in annual revenue) and Large Grants Division. The Small Grants Division Phase I "Planning Grant" proposals will be for a maximum of \$5,000 and will be eligible to compete for a Phase II "Implementation Grant" of up to \$50,000. The Large Grants Division Phase I "Planning Grant" proposals will be for a maximum of \$15,000 and will be eligible to compete for a Phase II "Implementation Grant" of up to \$150,000.

## **US Bank- Community Possible Grant Program**

https://www.usbank.com/community/community-possible-grant-program.aspx

#### **Primary Contact**

Please call 1-866-366-7072 or <u>usbanksupport@cybergrants.com</u> for more information USBankGrants@usbank.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

n/a

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

Work – (April 1-30)

Home: Neighborhood Stability & Revitalization – (July 1 - July 31)

Play – (Jan. 1-31)

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\_question?x\_gm\_id=6020&x\_q uiz\_id=7300&x\_order\_by=1

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not available

#### **Program Description**

Community Possible is designed to embrace the diversity in our communities. We consider grant requests without regard to race, gender, disability, religion, ethnicity, age, or sexual orientation. While the U.S. Bank Foundation generously funds many nonprofit organizations in our communities, it's impossible to fund every request. In order to make the most meaningful impact in our local communities, we focus our grant giving to fund economic development issues tied to Work, Home, and Play.

More information can be found at the following website:

https://www.usbank.com/pdf/community/US\_Bank\_Grant\_Guidelines\_2019.pdf

#### **WalMart Foundation**

http://giving.walmart.com/foundation

#### Community Grant Program

http://giving.walmart.com/community

http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program

#### **Primary Contact**

William Vestal 865-690-8986 wvestal.s02065.us@wal-mart.com

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Grant cycle begins February 15 2019

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

December 3, 2019. Applications may be submitted any time during this cycle. However, applications will only remain as pending in the system for 90 days.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display question?x gm id=2797&x q uiz id=4503&x order by=1

#### **Sample of Previous Recipients**

Not available

#### **Program Description**

Through the Community Grant Program, our associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations.

The Community Grant Program awards grants ranging from **\$250** to **\$2,500** through each of our facilities (Walmart Stores, Sam's Clubs, and Logistics Facilities). Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding. Organization eligibility requirements can be reviewed at the grant websites listed above.

## WalMart Foundation - Sam's Club Grant Program

#### Community Giving

http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/ http://giving.walmart.com/sams-club-grant-program

#### **Primary Contact**

Mr. Miller 865-694-2168 Not available

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Requested**

Cycle begins February 1.

#### **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

December 31. Applications may be submitted any time during this cycle. However, applications will only remain as pending in the system for 90 days.

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\_question?x\_gm\_id=2797&x\_q uiz\_id=4503&x\_order\_by=1

#### Sample of Previous Recipients

Not available

#### **Program Description**

Community giving is something we are very proud of at Sam's Club. We believe we make the greatest difference by supporting causes that are important to our members and associates. We are so proud to offer local nonprofit organizations funds through our Community Grant Program.

These grants are available year-round and range from \$250 to \$2,500. Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding.

Our associates are also passionate about giving back through volunteerism. Our Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program allows each of us to make a positive impact in the communities we serve, both through time and money. Through Volunteerism Always Pays, eligible organizations can also receive a monetary donation — based on the time our associates spend volunteering — to further support these organizations and their missions.

## Water Quality Forum

http://waterqualityforum.org/blog/esp-grants/

The Environmental Stewardship Grants Program <a href="http://waterqualityforum.org/blog/esp-grants/">http://waterqualityforum.org/blog/esp-grants/</a>

#### **Primary Contact**

thewaterqualityforum@ijams.org

# **Approximate Date Proposals are Requested** n/a

## **Approximate Date Proposals Are Due**

#### **Preferred Method for Receiving Proposals**

thewaterqualityforum@ijams.org

#### **Previous Recipients**

Austin East High School
Beardsley Farm
Farragut Middle School
Farragut Storm water Program
Halls Outdoor Classroom
South Doyle Middle School/Legacy Parks

#### **Program Description**

The Environmental Stewardship Grants Program is intended to improve the health of our community's watersheds by involving its citizens in learning about and applying storm water best management practices. Grant Award is up to \$1,500. Application selection criteria will include:

- 1) Environmental improvement potential,
- 2) Ability for project to educate students/community about a storm water best management practice, and
- 3) Long term viability plans for how the project will be maintained.

All recipients are asked to present a 5-minute overview of their project's results at a WQF Quarterly meeting.

## Alternative Resources

Some organizations support their communities through various means, other than financial support or grants. Here are a few examples.

#### Panera Bread

https://www.panerabread.com/en-us/home.html

#### Panera Gives

https://www.panerabread.com/en-us/en\_us/community/community-giving.html

#### **Program Description**

Panara supports events held by non-profit organizations serving those in need by donating a certificate or fresh bakery products.

#### **Duck Donuts**

#### **Quack Gives Back**

https://www.duckdonuts.com/about-us/guack-gives-back/

#### **Program Description**

Quack Gives Back program promotes partnering with community groups to raise awareness and funds for their causes. Whether the designated organization is looking for donations, or fundraising opportunities, Quack Gives Back is a vehicle to accomplish this.

Anyone can nominate a specific charity, organization, person or a team that is looking for community support. Customers, who would like to nominate one of the above, should fill out a nomination form at their local store explaining why their nominee is deserving or what donation they are looking for.

## Mooyah

## Mooyah Fundraising

https://www.mooyah.com/fundraising/

## **Program Description**

Request your fundraiser at the MOOYAH of your choice. Available dates and times vary by location, but our best options are Sundays-Thursdays from 4-9PM. We'll donate a percentage of all sales generated by your fundraising crew back to your organization (excluding sales tax, Uncle Sam is a stickler about getting his). The more folks you bring to enjoy our fresh food, the more money you raise. Fill out the request form on the mooyah website.

## ioby

https://www.ioby.org/

#### **Program Description**

IOBY helps neighbors grow and implement great ideas one block at a time. This crowd-resourcing platform aims to connect leaders with funding and support to make neighborhoods safer, greener, more livable, and more fun.

#### crowdfunding + resource organizing = crowd-resourcing

<u>Crowdfunding</u> is the pooling of small online donations for a cause or project. <u>Resource organizing</u> is a core tenet of community organizing that considers activists and advocates the best supporters to ensure the success and long-term stewardship of a cause or project.

As a combination of these two, ioby's platform gives everyone the ability to organize all kinds of capital—cash, social networks, in-kind donations, volunteer time, advocacy—from within the neighborhood to make the neighborhood a better place to live.